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NOTE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCMURRAY - OES

FROM: CA - Maura Harry

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SUBJECT: Inquiry from Senator Thune's office

CA recently received an inquiry from Senator Thune and letter from his constituent, Dianne Desrosiers. This correspondence was originally addressed to the Bureau of Consular Affairs but refers to an employee of your bureau. We have informed Senator Thune that we have forwarded his inquiry along with his constituent's concerns to OES for action.

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October 29, 2007

Honorable John Thune  
United States Senate  
493 Russell, Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, SD 20510-4103

RE: Federal agency disregard for tribal protocols.

Dear Senator Thune:

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate has been involved in recent dialogue with the Department of State (DoS), an entity of the United States government. Recently, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, a meeting was held at the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Prairie Knights Casino, with members of numerous tribal historic preservation offices and the DoS. The issue of dialogue was the proposed Trans-Canadian pipeline, Keystone Project.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Orlando of the DoS approached this meeting with an agenda that was irrespective of the social and customary protocols employed by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other tribes of the Great Sioux Nation. Ms. Orlando was blatantly insulting to the protocols and customs of the Standing Rock Tribe, the assembled tribes, and elders attending the meeting.

We want your office to be aware of this indiscretion that occurred during this dialogue with a federal agency. We are requesting that your office warn this agency that if dialogue and recognition of protocols within Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota homelands continue to be unobserved, the DoS may find itself in a position of *persona non grata* within these tribal homelands.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dianne Desrosiers  
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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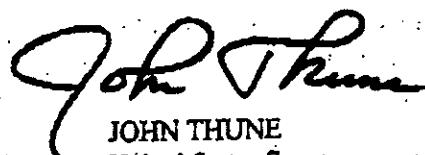
Dear Ms. Harty:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter I recently received from Dianne Desrosiers of Agency Village, South Dakota regarding her concerns with recent actions by the Department of State.

At her request, I am forwarding these concerns to you for your review. You may respond directly to her with your reply.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Kindest regards,

  
JOHN THUNE  
United States Senator

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